

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KOOL et al.

Serial No.:

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Title:

A METHOD FOR REMOVING OXIDES AND
COATINGS FROM A SUBSTRATE

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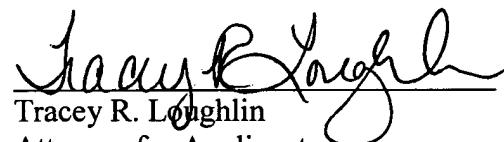
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Respectfully submitted,

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